

8 MAR 1996

1. CASE NO. 951024CCC2129		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID [8][1][5][8]		3. OFFICE CODE [8][3][0]		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT	
4. DATE OF INCIDENT YR MO DAY [9][5][1][0][0][4]		5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED		YR MO DAY [9][5][1][2][1][4]			
6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT TWO YOUNG BOYS, 3 AND 4 YEARS OLD, SET A BED SHEET AND CHAIR ON FIRE WITH A DISPOSABLE BUTANE UTILITY LIGHT IN THE BASEMENT WHILE THE MOTHER WAS UPSTAIRS. A CIGARETTE LIGHTER AND MATTRESS WERE NOT INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT WHICH CAUSED \$70,000 IN PROPERTY LOSS. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.							
7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) HOME [1][0]		8. CITY OMAHA			9. STATE NE		
10A. FIRST PRODUCT UTILITY LIGHTER [128.5]		11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS BIC CORP.					
10B. SECOND PRODUCT BED SHEET [4][0][5][1]		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS UNK					
12. AGE OF VICTIM N/A [0][0][0]		13. SEX (USE NUMERICAL CODE) MALE - 1 NA FEMALE - 2 [3] UNKNOWN- 3		14. DISPOSITION NO INJURY [0]		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS NONE [7][1]	
16. BODY PART N/A [8][7]		17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) FIRE INVESTIGATOR [3]		18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE - 1 TELEPHONE - 2 [2] OTHER - 3		19. TIME SPENT [0][4].[0]	
20. ATTACHMENTS FIRE REPORT [2]		21. CASE SOURCE NEWSPAPER [0][5]		22. REVIEWED BY [2][4][2]		YR MO DAY [9][5][1]	
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-NEISS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME [] CPSC MAY NOT-DISCLOSE MY NAME [N]							
24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Page 2)				25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE			

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UTILITY LIGHTER/
BED SHEET

PRE-ACCIDENT:

Two young boys, 3 and 4 years old, set a bed sheet on fire with a disposable butane utility lighter in the basement of the home. The mother was upstairs at the time, no injuries occurred, however, the home sustained \$70,000 in damages.

The investigation was initiated from a newspaper clipping and request from FOCR. Attempts to contact the family failed by telephone, even though many messages were left on the owner's answering machine. A letter was sent to the family concerning the need to contact them about the fire, but the consumers never responded to the letter. All information in the report was received from the fire department personnel. A copy of the fire report was obtained, and it is attached.

The battalion chief said the mother explained the two sons found the utility lighter in a drawer. The lighter was used by the grandfather to light the fireplace and barbecue grill. The device had a long barrel that was red-tipped while the main body was brown in color. The mother did not know when or where the lighter had been purchased.

The mother, father, and two sons were living in the basement of the grandfather's home. Two bed sheets had been hung up to partition off the living room/play area from the sleeping area. There was a small easy chair on the living room side of the sheets and a double-bed adjacent the sheet on the bedroom side.

The fire chief said the walls of the basement was a wood paneling, and other wooden main beams had been varnished, which added to the fire spreading throughout the entire basement very fast.

ACCIDENT:

After talking to the boys, the chief determined the boys had found the utility lighter and crept downstairs without their mother knowing it. They were unattended maybe five to ten minutes. They used the lighter to set the hanging sheets on fire. The sheets fell down between the chair and bed, catching them on fire. No injury occurred, but the home was badly damaged.

POST-ACCIDENT:

The boys ran upstairs, dropping the lighter on the floor near a water-bed. The four year old told his mother there was a fire in the basement. The mother went down to the stairwell and looked into the basement. She saw fire in the small chair and bed at that time. She call the fire department and took the boys outside the house.

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The fire department arrived, and found the basement fully engulfed. The basement was a total loss at \$50,000 to the structure, and about \$20,000 to the contents.

The fire chief listed the fire as accidental, children playing with a utility lighter.

*The fire chief did send the fire report, but stated it should not distributed from the Kansas City CPSC Office without a subpoena. The distribution of this report should therefore be handled differently than normal reports received by this office.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:

The fire chief said the lighter was a "Bic" utility lighter which was brown in color with a red tip. The lighter had a long barrel with a trigger to pull to produce a flame. There were no known labeling for the lighter which was butane fueled and disposable. The lighter was destroyed in the fire. It is not known if this manufacturer of cigarette lighters makes such a utility lighter.

The manufacturer: Bic Corp., 500 Bic Drive, Milford, CT. 06460. Telephone: (203)281-78877.

STANDARDS:

CPSC has no current standard addressing the child-resistance of utility disposable butane lighters. Labeling of the lighter is not known because the lighter was destroyed in the fire. No other information about the lighter was obtained.

EXHIBITS:

1. Request for investigation/news clipping
2. Fax to fire department for report
3. Fire report

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IDI ASSIGNMENT TRACKING SHEET 449

EXHIBIT# 1 Request

1. ASSIGNMENT # 951024CCC2129 2. INVEST. 8158 3. SUP. 8007
4. DATE ASGD 11/8/65 5. TARGET 12/11/65 6. UPDATE _____
7. ASGN TYPE 08 8. MIS 33758 9. ACTIVITIES _____
10. NAME Williams 11. LOCATION Omaha, NE
12. PRODUCT Cigarette lighter 13. DOC # GSA0058
14. HIA REF SECT 15 15. STATUS _____ 16. LAST REV (GENERATED)
17. REGION C
18. DATE COMPLETED _____ 19. TIME _____ 20. TRAVEL _____
21. REMARKS DOT 951004

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND DIRECTIONS (NOT IN COMPUTER RECORD)

Onsite should be conducted only if remains
of the cigarette lighter & for the mattress
are available. Other wise conduct
via phone.

Cover mattress as 2nd product using
"Investigation Guidelines" for "Mattress Fires"
to extent possible. Be sure & complete
a "Mattress Fire" Data Sheet.

Prod ident info for lighters & mattress are
critical. Contact officials, occupants, & Ins. Co.
as needed for appropriate.

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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

DOCUMENT NUMBER: *GSA 0058A*

DATE OF INCIDENT: *10/4/95* CATID: CARM07 1996

FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED HAZARD ANALYSIS () CRM ()

TYPE FOLLOW-UP TELEPHONE () ON-SITE (X)

HEADQUARTERS CONTACT: Michael Bogumill 504-0400 x1368
Backup: Bob Poth 504-0400 x1375

ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE: For any child playing with fire involving a cigarette lighter. Determine the model and manufacturer's name, type of lighter (refillable/disposable and fluid/butane), operating mechanism, age of child who operated the lighter, and accident scenario. Describe operating mechanism in detail and collect lighter, if possible.

The new regulation requiring disposable butane lighters and all novelty lighters to be child-resistant went into effect in July 1994.

Person(s) to Contact: *See Attached*

Guidelines: Appendix 45

→ Task Number: *951024CCC2129* Date: *10/24/95*

Assigned to: *C#10* Requested by: *Bogumill*

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Morning World-Herald

Omaha, NE

Cir. D. 131,491

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Universal Press Clipping Bureau

Tots With Lighter Are Blamed for Fire

Two toddlers playing with a lighter started a fire Wednesday afternoon that caused \$70,000 damage to a house at [redacted] St., Omaha fire officials said.

The two children, 3-year-old [redacted] and his 4-year-old brother, [redacted], were in the basement playing shortly after 3 p.m. when the fire started in a mattress, said Battalion Chief Bob [redacted].

Bosiljevac said, "It really spread fast." The two children ran upstairs to tell their mother, [redacted], 25, about the fire.

The children, mother and family pets made it outside unharmed, Bosiljevac said. The fire was contained in about 25 minutes, he said.

The owner of the house is [redacted] Ms. [redacted] father-in-law.

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CRITERIA AND RATIONALES -- INVESTIGATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 1996

C. FIRE AND THERMAL BURNS

6. CIGARETTE LIGHTERS CATEGORY ID: CARM07

Appropriate guideline: As indicated in assignment. See also, Disposable & Novelty Cigarette Lighters 16 CFR 1210, July 12, 1994.

Analyst: Mike Bogumill (tel: 301-504-0400x1368)
Back-up contact: Robert Poth (tel: 301-504-0400x1375)

a.) Criteria for Assigning Non-NEISS Investigations

Assign all incidents of household fires involving deaths, injuries, or property damage which are reported to be associated with children under the age of 5 years playing with cigarette lighters.

b.) Rationale for Obtaining Investigations

Investigations will help the Commission's effort to measure the effectiveness of the child-resistance requirements of the mandatory standard for disposable and novelty cigarette lighters.

Time spent on these investigations would be charged to MIS Project 33758.

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INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

Revised September 1994

Mattress/Bedding Fires

Complete attached data record sheet and include with the Epidemiologic Investigation Report. Also provide a copy of the Fire Incident Report, and any other pertinent reports.

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Background Information

Mattress fires were of sufficient concern in the early 1970s to justify the issuance of a mandatory standard intended to address cigarette ignition (Title 16 CFR 1632). Still, as recently as 1991, there remained about 280 lives lost in such fires. Another 200 fire deaths were associated with open-flame ignition of mattresses. In response to these fire losses, a CPSC project has been established to determine why the cigarette ignition fire death toll remains high and to investigate the feasibility of a standard for open flame ignition of mattresses/bedding.

A special field fire study will be conducted in FY 1995, involving the in-depth investigation of about 200-300 mattress/bedding fire incidents. Specific questions to be answered by this study include:

- What are the major ignition sources in mattress/bedding fires, and what are the hazard scenarios involved?
- In what types of mattress constructions are the fires occurring? Were these mattresses manufactured before or after the Standard went into effect?
- What is the role of bedding in these fires? Do these items actively contribute to the ignition of the mattress, and if so, to what extent?

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TRANSMITTAL

to: FIRE INVESTIGATOR ADOLPH
fax #: 009
re: OCT 4th, '95 FIRE AT [REDACTED]
date: December 14, 1995
pages: ONE page(s) total, including this cover sheet

TO: CHIEF NAPRAVNIK, ARSON INVESTIGATION,
OMAHA FIRE DEPT.

I AM REQUESTING A COPY OF THE ABOVE FIRE REPORT TO CONCLUDE OUR INVESTIGATION CONCERNING TWO SMALL (UNDER 5) CHILDREN PLAYING WITH A CIGARETTE LIGHTER AND CATCHING A MATTRESS ON FIRE. IN A HELPFUL DISCUSSION WITH INVESTIGATOR ADOLPH ABOUT THE INCIDENT, IT APPEARS A CONVENTIONAL LIGHTER WAS NOT INVOLVED, BUT AN UTILITY LIGHTER WAS USED BY THE BOYS. IF WE MIGHT GET A FAXED COPY OF THE REPORT, IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. I HAVE NOT HAD ANY LUCK CONTACTING THE FAMILY.

THANKS, BOB



From the desk of...

ROBERT B. WADSWORTH JR.
INVESTIGATOR
US CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY
601 E. 12TH, FED. BLDG. RM# 110
KANSAS CITY, MO. 64106

tel: (816)426-2442
fax: (816)426-2444

EXHIBIT# 3 FIRE REPORT
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Smoke detectors save lives - don't leave your home without one!



Omaha Fire Department
1516 Jackson Street
Omaha, NE 68102

Telephone: (402) 444-5700
Fax: (402) 444-6378

DATE:

FAX MESSAGE

TO: US Consumer Product Safety FROM: ~~BC Joe Nandravik~~

ATTN Robert Wadsworth

Fire Investigation Bureau

601 E 12th, Fed Bldg Rm 110

(402) 444-5732

Kansas City MO

Notes/Comments:

Bob - Attached is the report on the fire you requested.

This report is for your investigation and must not be

distributed from your office without subpoena. Please call

me with any questions about this report or its distribution.

Thank you - Joe

This message consists of 6 pages and this cover sheet. Please contact the sender if all pages are not received.

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**OMAHA FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT**

(x) Accidental
 () Incendiary
 () Att/Arson
 () Under Investigation
 () No Alarm, Inv. Only

RB#	Zone 404	Dist. or Co. No. Batt 4	Type of Alarm Fire	O.F.D. File No. 9510-14605
Location of Response [REDACTED]		Day/Date/Time Wednesday 4 Oct 95 1509 Hrs		
Caller (Name/Address/Phone) [REDACTED]				
Occupancy Type (X) Occupied () Occupants Present () Vacant				
Residential				
() Rental	() Hotel	() Educational	() Assembly	() Other
(X) Owner Occupied	() Motel	() Institutional	() Industrial	
(X) 1 or 2 Family	() Dormitory	() Business	() Storage	
() Apartment	() Mobile Home	() Merchandise	() Vehicle	
Weather Condition		First In Company E34C Officer Capt Otto, #216		
Temp. 71 Wind Direction SE		Approach Report Smoke and Flames		
Humidity 30% Velocity gusts 32		Incident Commander B/C Bosiljevac, #283		
Cloud Cover Pt Sunny				
Fire Locations		Distinctive Odors		
1. Basement		Smoke Color		
2.				
Condition of Contents		Evidence		
[REDACTED]				
Smoke Detector Present (X) yes () no		Estimated Dollar Loss		
Activated (X) yes () no		Structure \$50,000 Contents \$20,000		
Insurance () None		Previous Fires Reported by Victim		
Owner		Occupant		
Company North Star Mutual		Company		
Agent NP Dodge		Agent		
Coverage Full		Coverage		
F. D. Investigator Notified		Photos Taken (X) yes () no		
Time 1516 Hrs Wednesday 4 Oct 95				
Name DAdolf Strawn Dahlquist		By DAdolf		
Victim (Occupant)		Address/City/State		
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		
Victim (Owner)		Address/City/State		
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		
Name Police Officer on Scene		Police Report Made		
		Action by Officer		
Vehicle Fire		Is Normal Equipment Present		
Year Make License No.		() yes		
Color Model VIN No.		() no		
() Injury	Name () Multiple, see Narrative		Age	Trans By
() Fatality			Trans to	Condition
Suspect	Age	Sex	Race	DOB
	HT	WL	Distinguishing Marks	
Address/City/State				
Clothing				
Suspect	Age	Sex	Race	DOB
	HT	WL	Distinguishing Marks	
Address/City/State				
Clothing				
Suspect	Color	Year	Make	Model
Vehicle	Body Style	License No./State		Dents/Peculiarities

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INCIDENT ADDRESS:

VICTIM OR BUSINESS:

DAY:	DATE:	TIME:	OPD FILE NO
Wednesday	4 Oct 95	1509 Hours	9510-14605

THIS REPORT MADE:			
DAY:	DATE:	TIME:	OPD RB #
Thursday	5 Oct 95	1015 Hrs	

Synopsis

This report concerns itself with a house fire that occurred on Wednesday, October 4th, 1995, at 1509 Hours at [REDACTED] Street. This fire, with the information available at this time, is considered to be Accidental. Loss to the structure is estimated at \$50,000. The damage to the contents is estimated at \$20,000.

Persons Mentioned in this Report

Owner/Victim: [REDACTED]

Occupants: [REDACTED]

(daughter-in-law)

(grandson)

DOB 2/13/91

(grandson)

DOB 3/10/92

Omaha Fire Department Personnel:

B/C BOSILJEVAC, #283

Capt OTTO, E34C, #216

Capt. STRAWN, J., OPD #397/OPD #9029

Capt. ADOLF, D. OPD #0373/OPD #9026

Capt. DAHLQUIST, R., OPD #406/OPD #9027

Details of Investigation

On Wednesday, October 4th, 1995, at 1516 Hours, Reporting Officer STRAWN and Investigating Officers Dave ADOLF and DAHLQUIST were notified via the dispatcher to report to the scene of a working fire at [REDACTED]

Upon arriving at location, Reporting Officers saw a 2&1/2 story single family dwelling of ordinary and wood construction. The fire appeared to have been vented out of the basement windows on the east and west sides, and there showed severe blistering and heavy soot and smoke to the exterior siding on the first floor.

Reporting Officers first talked with B/C BOSILJEVAC, #283, Batt: 4,

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C shift. He stated that arriving firefighters found heavy smoke and flames coming from the basement windows of this residence. Chief BOSILJEVAC further stated that Capt OTTO, of Engine 34, C shift, #216, and his crew advanced an attack line into the basement and found the heaviest amount of fire in the center area of the main room. No forcible entry was needed as the occupants were home at the time of the fire and left it open after escaping.

Area of Fire

A walk around this residence shows that this 2 1/2 story single family dwelling has metal siding, and it appears to be kept up and well-maintained. There is an outside wood fire escape leading to the ground from the second floor, located on the west side of this residence.

A walk around the outside shows blackened, blistered and melted siding above the basement windows on the east and west sides. There are visible brownish smoke trails that can be seen above the front door on the porch in the front of this residence, which would be the south side, and for fire purposes, this would be the A side of the building. All windows on all floors had been broken by the firefighters in ventilating this heavily-involved structure.

As Reporting Officers entered the rear of this residence through the basement entrance door, they went down approximately 8 steps, and entered into the laundry room. This is a smaller room, and it contains the heating, the electrical panel and a washer and dryer. At the time of our arrival, firefighters were overhauling the ceiling area, checking for fire extension in this area.

There is another room, that appears to have only smoke damage and broken windows, to the left of the laundry room. It's just a small, enclosed workshop area with a workbench, and several hand tools are in this area.

As you continue through the laundry area, you go down approximately 3 steps, and then enter into the main, open area of the basement. To your left as you go down those 3 steps, there is a small, single waterbed that would be located in the northeast corner of this

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area.

Directly in front of you there is a piano facing you as you walk toward it, and on the other side of the piano, a couch abuts the piano. These are located in the center of this open, main room of the basement.

There is a double-bed in the southeast corner that had some sheets hung around it, so as to separate it from the rest of this room.

As you continue around this room, there's a fireplace located in the center of the south wall. There were 2 easy chairs located just in front of the fireplace. One of these easy chairs was beside the double-bed. The easy chair and the double-bed appear to have the worst fire damage, as there is heavy charring to the wood, and the majority of the materials for the bedding and cushions in this chair have been completely consumed by fire. The second easy chair, located away from the double-bed and fireplace, does have fire damage, however, there is material in the cushions still left, showing that it had not burned as long or as fast or as hot as the other chair or bed in this area.

Most of the fire damage is located around and above this double-bed area in the southeast corner of this main room of the basement. This is the point of the heaviest char. Also, the fire patterns show that the fire burned here longest and then appeared to go around the room in both directions, and consume all the furnishing throughout the basement.

This room had old cedar used in its construction. Also, it was used as a type of paneling half way up from the floor, all the way around the room. This cedar had been stained and shellacked, and it also attributed to the quick, heavy build-up of fire prior to firefighters' arrival.

The basement area is considered a total loss. There is smoke, water and some fire extension up the stairway onto the first floor. There is water and smoke damage to the 3rd floor.

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The Point of origin appeared to have been in the southeast corner, in the area of the double-bed and the chair located just off the double-bed. Witnesses stated that juveniles were playing with a lighter in this area just prior to the fire being reported.

Details of Investigation (cont)

The first interview by Reporting Officers was with the mother, who was at home at the time of the fire, [REDACTED]. She's been living with her husband at what would be her in-law's house, here at [REDACTED], with her 2 sons, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she and her 2 sons were home at the time of the fire. She stated she was upstairs when her oldest son, [REDACTED], came up the basement stairs and alerted her that there was a fire in the basement. [REDACTED] stated that she attempted to go down the steps into the basement area. When she started down the steps, she was met by heat and smoke. She could see into the main area of the basement, and noticed that there were flames at the bottom and on the sides of her double-bed. The flames were also in the chair located closest to her double-bed, the small easy chair, and at this time, the 2 hanging sheets that had separated her bed from the rest of the room caught fire and were burning.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that there are only 2 lighters located in this home. She had in her possession her lighter, and thinks that possibly the juveniles had found the BIC lighter with the extended tip used to light either the fireplace or the grill.

Reporting Officers next talked with the juveniles. Capt Dave ADOLF talked with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and ascertained that they had indeed found a BIC lighter in a drawer upstairs, had taken it to the basement area, and one or both had been flicking the BIC when it apparently caught the bedding sheets and chair on fire. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated that this lighter was a brown BIC, and had a long red tip on the end, and that they had dropped it in the area of their single waterbed upon exiting at the time of the fire.

Conclusion

It is the opinion of the Investigating Officers, based on the

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information available at the time of this report, that this fire that happened on October 4th, 1995, at [REDACTED] is considered Accidental.

It should be noted that photos were taken, due to the extensive damage, and that a photo log was made by Investigating Officer Dave ADOLF.

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FIELD ACTIVITY COVERSHEET

1. REGION/STATE FOUR	2. OPERATION (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment Visit <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investigation <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	3. DATE 3-15-96 4. NUMBER (For RO Use) 960315CCN0747
5. ESTABLISHMENT Name <u>Scripto-Tokai Corp.</u> Address <u>11591 Etwanda Ave.</u> City <u>Fontana</u> State <u>CA</u> Zip <u>92337</u> Telephone No. _____		
6. RELATED FIRM <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Headquarters <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary <input type="checkbox"/> Other Name _____ City _____ State _____		
7. PRODUCTS COVERED <u>Long nose gas lighter</u>	8. OTHER CONSUMER PRODUCTS _____ _____	
9. ESTABLISHMENT TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer <input type="checkbox"/> Importer <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesaler <input type="checkbox"/> Own Label Distributor <input type="checkbox"/> Retailer <input type="checkbox"/> Repackager <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	10. ANNUAL PRODUCTION Product Covered \$ _____ Units _____ Other Products \$ _____ Units _____	
11. I.S. BUSINESS % Received _____ % Shipped _____	12. SAMPLES COLLECTED _____	13. MIS CODE _____
14. HOURS Activity _____ Travel _____		
15. REASON FOR ACTIVITY (Assignment Reference) <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>MFR/PRVLR NOTIFIED</p> <p>No Comments made</p> <p>Comments attached</p> <p>Excisions/Revisions</p> <p>Firm has not requested further notice</p> </div>		
16. ANNOUNCED <input type="checkbox"/> Rationale for Announced Inspection UNANNOUNCED <input type="checkbox"/>		
17. EMPLOYEE'S NAME _____	TITLE _____	SIGNATURE _____
18. (X) ENDORSEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> REMARKS <input type="checkbox"/> SUMMARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____		
<p>This fire occurred in Oct. 1992. A 3 year old girl died from burns suffered when her four year old sister used a long nose gas lighter to ignite a blanket in a closet where they were playing.</p> <p>F/U: Refer to CCA.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>CPSA 6 (M) Cleared <u>25c</u></p> <p>No Mfrs/Prvtlbrs or Products Identified</p> <p>Exempted by <u>ANPR</u></p> <p>Firms Notified <u>fm 6/30/97</u></p> <p>Comments Processed</p> </div>		
19. REVIEWER'S NAME John R. Vece	TITLE S.P.S.I.	SIGNATURE <u>John R. Vece</u>
20. REVIEW DATE 4-9-96	21. DISTRIBUTION O: EPDS; cc: CCA, P. Major; cc: FOUR; cc: FOOR.	

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6. SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT OR COMPLAINT This investigation was initiated through a fire department report of a fire which was started by a four year old female using a long nosed grill starter. Investigation revealed that the four year old and her three year old sister were playing in a bedroom open closet. The four year old obtained the grill starter and ignited a blanket she was playing with. The fire spread to clothing on the floor of the closet. The three year old was found by her father still lying on one of the shelves of the closet. He removed her to the outside, but she died as a result of her injuries.							
7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) Home [1][0]			8. CITY LaCrosse			9. STATE Wisconsin	
10A. FIRST PRODUCT Grill starter [1][2][8][5]			11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Scripto brand disposable Scripto-Tokai Corp., 11591 Etwarda Ave., Fontana, CA. 92337				
10B. SECOND PRODUCT Blanket [4][0][0][8]			11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS N/A				
AGE OF VICTIM [0][0][3]		13. SEX (USE NUMERICAL CODE) MALE - 1 FEMALE - 2 [2] UNKNOWN - 3		14. DISPOSITION Fatality [8]		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Thermal Burn [5][1]	
16. BODY PART Not Stated [7][0]		17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) Fire Investigator [3]		18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE - 1 TELEPHONE - 2 [2] OTHER - 3		19. TIME SPENT : [][8][.][0]	
20. ATTACHMENTS Multiple [9]		21. CASE SOURCE Fire Dept. [0][1]		22. REVIEWED BY YR MO DAY [8][1][3][0] [9][6][0][4][0][9]			
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-NEISS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME [] CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME [X]							
24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Page 2)				25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE			

ATTACHED:

(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

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SUMMARY:

This investigation was initiated through an area fire department who forwarded an incident which occurred in October of 1992 involving a grill lighter.

The fire report indicates that on the above listed date two children, a four year old and a three year old were playing "house" in a bedroom closet. The four year old came downstairs yelling "fire". The father went upstairs into the bedroom and found the younger child on a shelf of the closet which was on fire. He wrapped the child in a blanket and carried her outside. The older daughter stated that they were playing in the closet with a blanket and she ignited the blanket with a grill starter type of long nosed lighter. The younger daughter died as a result of her injuries.

PRE-INCIDENT:

The fire investigator was interviewed in connection with this incident. He stated that it was not unusual for the two girls to play in their parents closet; each taking a shelf as a "floor" in their make believe house. He stated that his interview with the parents revealed that the grill starter had been left on the coffee table in the living room of the home. The grill starter did have an "on/off" switch, which had apparently been left in the "on" position.

The parents did not have any knowledge as to when the grill starter had been taken by the older daughter. It was relatively early in the morning, approximately 9:30 a.m., and the other members in the family who were home at the time of this incident were sleeping or watching television in the kitchen or living room on the lower level of the home.

The two girls were playing in the upstairs bedroom, unsupervised, between 20 and 30 minutes prior to this incident.

INCIDENT:

At approximately 9:30 a.m., the older daughter came downstairs yelling "fire". The father went upstairs into the bedroom of the home. The home smoke detector, located in the upstairs hallway did sound at approximately the same time the father reached the fire scene.

The father found the closet area on fire, with his younger daughter on fire on the upper shelf of the closet. He wrapped her in a blanket and carried her outside.

POST-INCIDENT:

The fire investigator stated that no negligence was found on the part of the parents. He stated that the girls were playing with a blanket in the closet, which also contained a pile of clothing on the floor. He stated that there were no doors on the closet and the girls would often make a "bed" for themselves on the closet shelves. The older daughter indicated that she had ignited the blanket with the grill starter, and the flame spread to clothing lying on the floor of the closet which contained three shelves. (See photos attached) The cause of the fire was ruled as children playing with a lighter. The younger daughter died as a result of her injuries.

The fire investigator stated that he feels that in the subject case, both parents smoked and used this lighter instead of a cigarette lighter. He added that he feels these grill starters are currently being purchased by people who need to start their gas grills. He stated that many of the gas grills being used today are 2-4 years of age and the igniters are beginning to wear out. He stated that many people, himself included, use the long nose grill starters to light their gas grills instead of purchasing a new igniter for their grills.

PRODUCT INFORMATION:

Manufacturer: Scripto

Model: Unknown-Disposable type grill starter/lighter

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A- Fire Department Photographs

Exhibit B-Fire Department Report

I was called at 0930 hours and requested to report to [REDACTED] for a reported house fire with an injury.

I arrived at 0945 and contacted Assistant Chief Jones. He informed me that there was a closet fire in the upstairs bedroom of [REDACTED] and one three year old girl was rescued from the fire area by her father and transported to Lutheran Hospital with very bad burns. Chief Jones also stated that the father had rescued a second girl from the same area and that the family was in a neighbors home.

I made contact with the family at the neighbors house. I interviewed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Based on these interviews and my subsequent fire cause and origin investigation, the following is most probable explanation of what had taken place:

[REDACTED] was asleep at the time of the fire on the downstairs sofa. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in the living room and or kitchen downstairs. [REDACTED] was watching television in the living room downstairs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were playing in the master bedroom upstairs (this is common).

[REDACTED] came downstairs yelling, "Smoke". [REDACTED] went upstairs and discovered the fire. He also found [REDACTED] on fire on the third shelf of the involved closet. [REDACTED] wrapped her in a blanket and evacuated her to the outside.

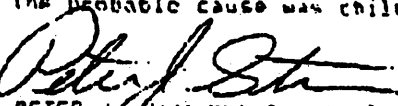
[REDACTED] was awoken by [REDACTED] yelling that there was a fire. [REDACTED] grabbed [REDACTED] and carried them outside.

According to [REDACTED]'s interview, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were playing in the closet. [REDACTED] was on the shelf and [REDACTED] on the floor. They were playing with a blanket. One of them ignited the blanket with a long nose lighter.

The smoke alarm which was located in the hall upstairs did activate about the time [REDACTED] reached the fire area.

The origin of the fire was on or near the floor of the southwest closet in the master bedroom, northwest part of the apartment.

The probable cause was children playing with a lighter.


PETER J. SIJNSZW, Deputy Chief
Los Angeles Fire Department

**BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION
AND TRAINING
LA CROSSE FIRE DEPARTMENT
726 5TH AVENUE SOUTH
LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN 54601**

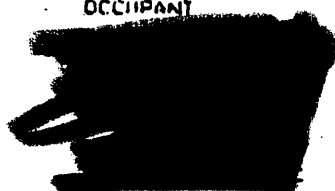


OFFICE HOURS
Week Days
8:00-5:00 a.m.
3:15-3:45 p.m.
Area Code 608
789-7254
789-7205

DATE OF INCIDENT: 10/20/92
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
INCIDENT NUMBER: 2075
TIME: 0917
TYPE OF FIRE: BEDROOM
OWNER: LA CROSSE HOUSING AUTHORITY
D.O.B.:
PHONE NUMBER: 789-8257
OWNER'S INSURANCE: PAUL BIRNHAM - BUILDING OWNER
OCCUPANTS - NO INSURANCE
FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATOR: DEPUTY CHIEF PETER J. STINSON, LA CROSSE FIRE DEPARTMENT
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: TWO OTHER CHILDREN LIVE AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS BUT WERE IN SCHOOL AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE

OCCUPANTS:

OCCUPANT



D.O.B.
4/19/86
12/25/89
4 YEARS
3 YEARS
1 YEAR
1 MONTH

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Week Days
8:00-9:00 a.m.
3:15-3:45 p.m.
Area Code 608
785-7264
785-7265

March 14, 1996

TO: Robin Russ
United States Consumer Protection Agency
Milwaukee WI

FROM: Lieutenant Jeffery Brulmer

SUBJECT: Grill Lighters

Enclosed you will find information on a fire that was caused by children using a grill lighter. This fire caused the death of one child and caused a knee injury to one fire fighter. Damage was contained to one apartment in a four apartment building. If further information is needed, feel free to contact me at 608-789 7271.

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Exhibit B

IDI 960315CCN0747



Body outline on shelf



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Closet floor-Note lighter by crib
Body outline on shelf



IDI 960315CCN0747



Ceiling area next to closet



IDI 960315CCN0747



Closet next to fire area.



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Fire origin-Closet Floor

Fire area in closet to window



IDI 960315CCN0747



Wall west end of fire room

Looking into fire room from doorway



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Smoke Detector

Fire origin-Closet floor



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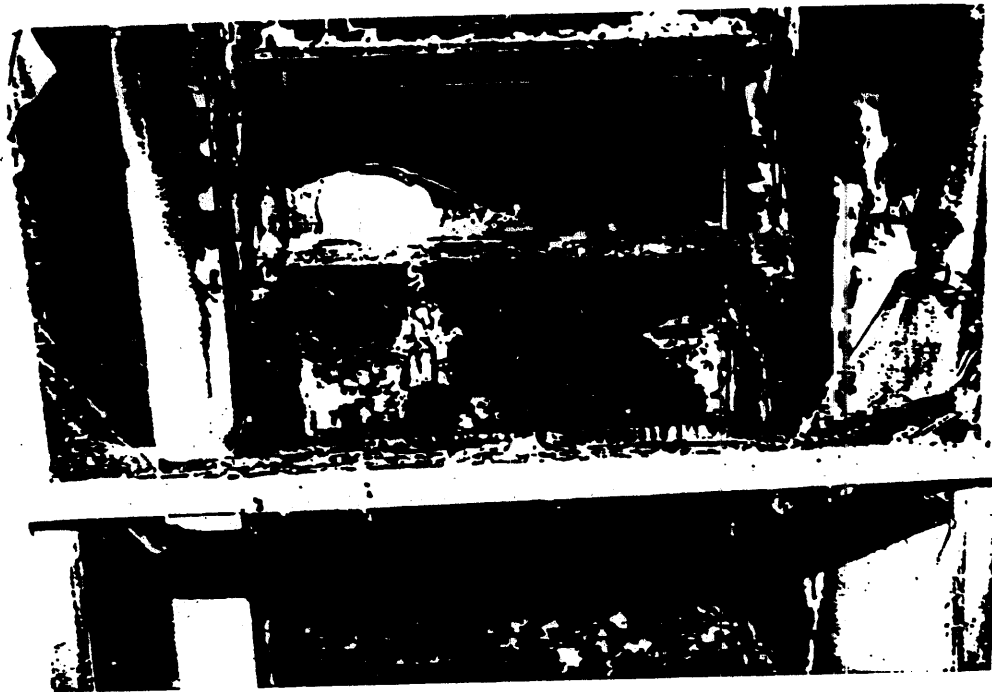
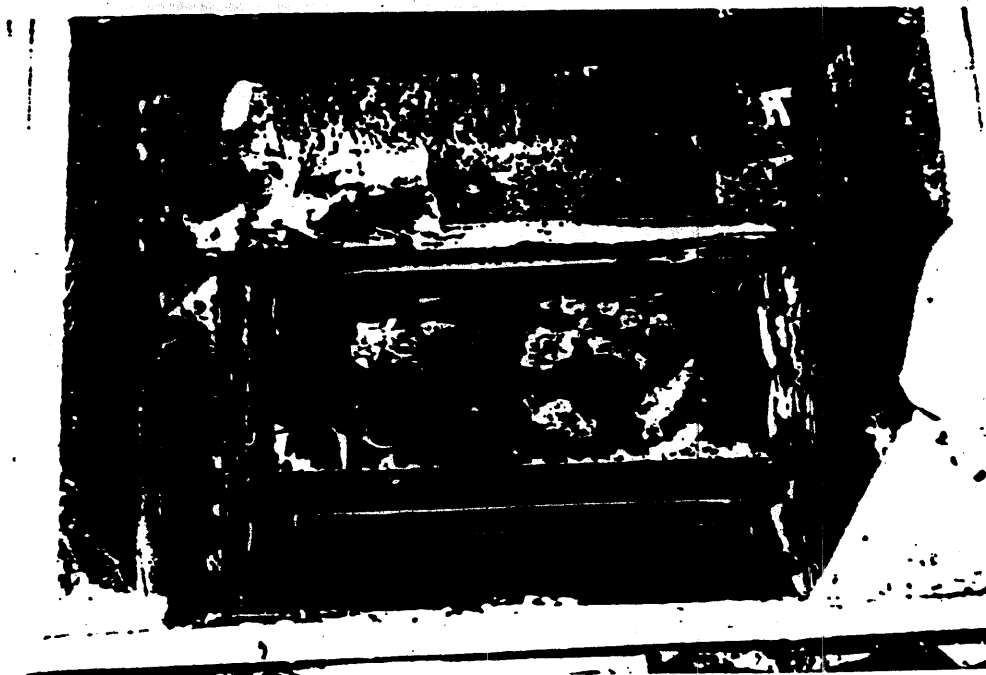


Photo of closet-through bedroom window



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Window across from closet.

Grill lighter-Source of Ignition



Exhibit A

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Oakland, CA
(Alameda Co.)
Oakland Tribune
(Cir. D. 152,739)
(Cir. S. 156,163)

JUN 25 1996

Allen's P.C.R. For 1998

Grill lighters dangerous when in the wrong hands

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

FRANKLIN, Wis. — The federal government, with the help of a Franklin fire official, is conducting a nationwide investigation of fires caused by children playing with long-nosed butane lighters designed to ignite barbecue grills.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is examining whether these grill lighters should be required to have the kind of child-resistant controls that have been required of disposable cigarette lighters since mid-1994.

The investigation, pushed by Franklin Fire Lt. Burton Robertson, comes in the wake of fires across the country caused by the devices. Some of the fires have resulted in deaths, injuries or extensive property damage.

Some examples:

19-month-old twins, died June 4 when their 3-year-old sister set a bed on fire with a grill lighter at their home in Dillon County, S.C. The older girl escaped without injury, but the twins apparently fled into an adjoining bathroom and were overcome by smoke.

4, died of smoke inhalation Jan. 26, the day after he started a fire while playing

with a grill lighter in his family's second-floor flat in Marlborough, Mass.

21, died of smoke inhalation last Dec. 15 after saving the lives of her three young children by dropping them from an upstairs window of her burning apartment into the hands of neighbors in Medina, Ohio.

had tried to hide a grill lighter in a bookcase because the children — all younger than 5 — had a history of playing with fire. But the children saw where she put the lighter and later set a sofa ablaze with it.

3, died of severe burns Nov. 22, 1992, two days after flames flashed through the open-closet shelves where she had climbed while playing house in her La Crosse, Wis., home. She had wrapped herself in a blanket, which was among cloth that ignited when she and a 4-year-old sister played with a grill lighter.

Franklin Fire Lt. Robertson can be reached by e-mail at FyrLieutenant@aol.com. Incidents regarding grill lighters can be reported to the Consumer Product Safety Commission in Maryland by calling (800) 638-2772, or by calling Robin Ross at 679-8546.

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1. TASK NUMBER 960410CCC5104		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8055		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
3. OFFICE CODE 800	4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 96 01 25	5. DATE INITIATED YR MO DAY 96 04 19		
6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A four year old male was pronounced dead from smoke inhalation and respiratory burns, after he ignited his clothing and other combustibles, with a butane barbecue grill lighter, causing \$10,000 damage to building. CPSA 8-1111-10-10 2SC No Mfrs/Privtblrs or Products Identified ✓ Exempted by <u>ANPR</u> Firms Notified Comments Processed. Jm 6/30/97				
7. LOCATION (Home, School, etc.) Home 10		8. CITY Marlboro		9. STATE MA.
10A. FIRST PRODUCT Butane Barbecue Lighter 4060 1247		10B. TRADE/BRAND NAME UNKNOWN		10C. MODEL NUMBER UNKNOWN
10D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS UNKNOWN				
11A. SECOND PRODUCT Clothing 1645		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME UNKNOWN		11C. MODEL NUMBER UNKNOWN
11D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS UNKNOWN				
12. AGE OF VICTIM 004		13. SEX 1	14. DISPOSITION Fatality 8	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Anoxia 65
16. BODY PART (S) INVOLVED APB 85		17. RESPONDENT Deputy Fire Chief	18. TYPE OF INVESTIGATION On-Site 3	19. TIME SPENT (OPERATIONAL HOURS) 05.0
20. ATTACHMENT(S) Fire Report 2		21. CASE SOURCE Newspaper 05		22. SAMPLE COLLECTION NUMBER NONE
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON NEISS CASES ONLY)				
24. REVIEW DATE 05/29/96		25. REVIEWED BY 8969 M. C. C. C.		26. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR
27. DISTRIBUTION O:EHDS CC:				

NOTE: The information contained in this report was provided by the deputy fire chief. Attempts to contact the victim's parents were unsuccessful. The newspaper report indicated that a cigarette lighter was involved in this accident. Fire officials identified the igniting source for this fire as a butane barbecue grill lighter.

PRE-ACCIDENT:

The deputy chief reported that the victim resided with his parents and that at mid-day he was at home with his father and that his father was taking a shower.

ACCIDENT:

At approximately 13:20 hours, the victim's father discovered that their apartment was on fire and when he was unable to reach his son through the flames, he telephoned the fire department, according to the deputy fire chief.

POST ACCIDENT:

The victim was removed from this apartment building and subsequently pronounced dead from smoke inhalation and respiratory burns and his father required treatment for smoke inhalation, according to the deputy chief, who added that \$70,000 property damage resulted from this fire.

The deputy chief stated that following this fire his investigators found the remains of a butane barbecue lighter in the victim's apartment, which they identified as the ignition source for this fire. He said that his barbecue grill lighter was burned so badly that its brand manufacturer, etc., could not be identified.

STANDARDS INFORMATION:

None.

SAMPLES COLLECTED:

None.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:

The deputy chief described the butane, barbecue grill lighter, as being approximately 6" long and having a metal body. He said that it was damaged so badly by the fire that its brand, manufacturer, etc. could not be determined.

No information was obtained concerning the victim's clothing.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attached to this report as exhibit #1 is a copy of the local fire report on this accident.

C. O'Connell - 04/16/96

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

EMSA
COP II
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DOCUMENT NUMBER:

N9630352A

DATE OF INCIDENT:

1/25/96

CATID: CARM07 1996

FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED

HAZARD ANALYSIS () CRM ☒

TYPE FOLLOW-UP

TELEPHONE () ON-SITE (X)

HEADQUARTERS CONTACT:

Michael Bogumill 504-0400 x1368

Backup:

Bob Poth

504-0400 x1375

ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE: For any child playing with fire involving a cigarette lighter. Determine the model and manufacturer's name, type of lighter (refillable/disposable and fluid/butane), operating mechanism, age of child who operated the lighter, and accident scenario. Describe operating mechanism in detail and collect lighter, if possible.

The new regulation requiring disposable butane lighters and all novelty lighters to be child-resistant went into effect in July 1994.

Person(s) to Contact:

1) Fire Dept
2) Bruce & Pat McNeil
(Parents)

Guidelines: Appendix 45

Task Number:

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Date:

4/10/96

Assigned to:

NYCO

Requested by:

J. LANSING

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MILFORD DAILY NEWS

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28 MAR 1996

Boy, 4, Dies

MARLBORO - A little boy, who apparently was intrigued by cigarette lighters, died yesterday of burns he received in a fire Thursday that authorities suspect he accidentally started with a butane lighter.

4, died at Massachusetts General Hospital where he was rushed after being rescued from his burning apartment by a firefighter.

He suffered smoke inhalation, respiratory burns and second and third degree burns to his face and hand.

The boy's father, [REDACTED], was taking a shower when the fire broke out. He attempted to save his son, but could not reach him through the flames.

The father was treated at
WRAPUP, Page 16 A

Marlboro Hospital for burns and smoke inhalation, [REDACTED] mother, [REDACTED] and his sister, [REDACTED] 11, were not home when the fire broke out about 1:20 Thursday afternoon.

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MASSACHUSETTS FIRE INCIDENT REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
1010 Commonwealth Avenue

OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
Boston, Massachusetts 02215

Massachusetts
Fire
Incident
Reporting
System

960410CCC5104

EXHIBIT 1

10	FDID#	17170	Department Marlborough Fire Department				Revised Report	FORM FP32				
Incident #		600460	If Rec'd Fire Only?	DATE 01/25/96	Day of Week	1 Sun 2 Mon 3 Tue 4 Wed 5 Thu 6 Fri 7 Sat	5	Alarm Time 13:23	Arrival Time 13:28	Back in Service 16:35		
B	SITUATION FOUND	11 Structure fire 13 Vehicle fire 14 Bush, grass, leaves 15 Trash, rubbish 16 Explosion, no after fire		17 Outside spill with fire 18 Other fires not class. 47 Chemical spill 44 Power line down 45 Arcing electric equipment		SEE MANUAL FOR OTHER CALLS	11	1 Extinguishment 2 Rescue or Assistance 3 Investigation only 4 Remove Hazard		5 Stand by 6 Salvage 7 Ambulance 8 Fill in. Move up	MUTUAL AID 1 Rec'd 2 Given 3 N/A	
		FIXED PROPERTY USE (Occupancy) 3-6 Units		4,2,2		IGNITION FACTOR Child(ren) misusing mat'l		4,8				
D	CORRECT ADDRESS (Up to maximum of 21 characters)								ZIP CODE 01752	CENSUS TRACT 6800		
E	11	OCCUPANT NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI)				TELEPHONE		ROOM or APT.				
F	12	OWNER NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI)				ADDRESS		TELEPHONE				
G	13	METHOD OF ALARM 1 Telephone direct 2 Municipal alarm system 3 Private alarm system 4 Radio 5 Verbal 6 No alarm rec'd. 7 Tie-line (911) 8 Voice signal municipal alarm 9 Not classified above 0 Undetermined or not reported		7	CO. INSPECTION DISTRICT 2	SHIFT 4	NO. FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL RESPONDED 12	NO. ENGINES RESPONDED 2	NO. AERIAL APPARATUS RESPONDED 1	NO. TANKERS RESPONDED 0	NO. OTHER VEHICLES RESPONDED 3	USE FP 33 FOR ALL CASUALTIES
I	20	FIRE NUMBER OF SERVICE INJURIES		1	NUMBER OF FATALITIES	0	NUMBER OF INJURIES	2	NUMBER OF FATALITIES	0	RESCUES	1
J	MOBILE PROPERTY TYPE		0,8	VEHICLE STOLEN?		Yes No						
	11 AUTO, VAN 12 BUS 13 MOTORCYCLE 21 TRUCK OVER 1 TON	22 TRUCK UNDER 1 TON 41 BMT, UNDER 65' 08 NONE	ESTIMATED TOTAL DOLLAR LOSS		70,000		Insurance Co. unknown		Total Insurance \$ Claim Paid \$			
30	YEAR MAKE MODEL	COLOR		LICENSE NO.		VIN#						
40	IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION	YEAR MAKE MODEL	SERIAL NO.									
K	COMPLEX Apartment complex		4,2	AREA OF ORIGIN	Hallway, corridor, hall		EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION		0,1 No equipment involved			
L	FORM OF HEAT IGNITION Flame/Spark-Lighter, flame		4,6	MATERIAL IGNITED Clothing, furniture	FORM Other Form Multiple Forms		9,7	TYPE Multiple Types of Matl.		9,7		
M	METHOD OF EXTINGUISHMENT 1 Self extinguished 2 Males shut aids 3 Portable extinguisher 4 Automatic ext. system 5 Pre-connect hose/tank only 6 Pre-connect hose/instant draft standpipe 7 Hand-laid hose/instant draft standpipe 8 Master stream device		7	LEVEL OF FIRE ORIGIN 1 Grade level to 9 ft. 2 10 to 19 ft. 3 20 to 29 ft. 4 30 to 39 ft. 5 40 to 49 ft. 6 50 to 59 ft. 7 Over 60 feet 8 Objects in flight 9 Below ground level 0 Not classified above 0 Undetermined		3	Number of Stories 1 1 story 2 2 stories 3 3 to 4 stories 4 5 to 6 stories 5 7 to 12 stories 6 13 to 24 stories 7 25 to 49 stories 8 50 stories or more		3	CONSTRUCTION TYPE 1 Fire resistant 2 Heavy timber 3 Protected noncombustible 4 Unprotected noncombustible 5 Protected ordinary 6 Unprotected ordinary 7 Protected wood frame 8 Unprotected wood frame 9 Not classified above 0 Undetermined or not reported		8
N	EXTENT OF DAMAGE 1 Confined to the object of origin 2 Confined to room or area of origin 3 Confined to floor of origin 4 Confined to the fire-rated comp. of origin 5 Confined to floor of origin 6 Confined to structure of origin 7 Extended beyond structure of origin 9 No damage of this type (N/A)		5	Flame	5	Scale	DETECTOR PERFORMANCE 1 Det. in room or space of fire origin to qcr. 2 Det. not in room or space of fire origin to qcr. 3 Det. in room or space of fire origin to qcr. 4 Det. not in room or space of fire origin to qcr. 5 Det. in room or space of fire origin to qcr. 6 Det. in room or space of fire origin to qcr. 7 Not classified above 8 Not detected present (N/A)		3	SPRINKLER PERFORMANCE 1 Equipment operated 2 Equipment should have operated - did not 3 Equipment pres. but fire too small to qcr. 9 Not classified above 0 Undetermined or not reported 8 No equipment present (N/A)		8
O	IF SMOKE SPREAD BEYOND ROOM OF ORIGIN		MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE Multiple materials		FORM Other Form Multiple Forms		9,7	TYPE Multiple Types of Matl.		9,7		
R	WEATHER CONDITIONS sunny and cold.		AVENUE OF SMOKE TRAVEL 1 Air handling duct 2 Stairwell 3 Opening in construction 4 Utility opening in wall 5 Elevator shaft		2		7 Utility opening in floor 8 Not classified above 0 Undetermined or not reported 8 No avenue of smoke travel (N/A)					
MEMBER MAKING REPORT												
DATE												

INVESTIGATION REPORT - ANALYST'S COMMENTS

TASK NO. 960410CCC5104 REGIONAL OFFICE NYCO
PRODUCT CODE(S) (4060) (1645) INVESTIGATOR ID 8055
CATEGORY CARM071996 HOURS REPORTED 5.0

COMMENTS:

THE SYNOPSIS STATES THAT THE VICTIM IGNITED HIS CLOTHING, YET THE NARRATIVE FAILS TO MENTION THIS FACT. THE PRODUCT CODE FOR BUTANE BARBEQUE LIGHTER SHOULD BE 4060, FUEL-BURNING LIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

*1247 is correct - talked
to Suzanne*

REVIEWER SUZANNE NEWMAN DATE 6/4/96

IF YOU BELIEVE THE IDENTIFIED DEFICIENCIES REQUIRE CONTACTING INVESTIGATOR/VICTIM AND REQUESTING FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CHECK THE BOX AND SIGN HERE.

SIGNATURE

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1. CASE NO. 960424CCC5139			2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 3333			3. OFFICE CODE 591			EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 9/6 03 05			5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO DAY 9/6 04 30						

6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A mother and child were the victims of a house fire after the two year old child started two small fires in the basement of their home with a fireplace lighter. After the child started the fires the mother was alerted by smoke detectors and was able to exit the home with her child without injury to either of them. The fire department arrived and quickly extinguished the blaze.

7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) Home, basement **10** 8. CITY Mundelein 9. STATE **IL**

10A. FIRST PRODUCT Fireplace lighter **1247** 11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Aim n Flame Scripto lighter

10B. SECOND PRODUCT **118** 11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS

12. AGE OF VICTIM **000** 13. SEX (Use numerical code) MALE -1 FEMALE -2 UNKNOWN -3 **0** 14. DISPOSITION no injury **0** 15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS no injury **710**

16. BODY PART No injury **99** 17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) Fire Investigator **3** 18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE 1 TELEPHONE 2 OTHER 3 **2** 19. TIME SPENT **2.5**

20. ATTACHMENTS Multiple **9** 21. CASE SOURCE News paper **05** 22. REVIEWED BY YR MO DAY

23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-NEISS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME ☒ CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME: ☐

24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Other Side) 25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE

MFR/PRV/BLR NOTIFIED
No Comments made
Comments attached
Excisions/Revisions
Firm has not requested
further notice

CPSA 6 (MTR) Cleared

No Mfrs/Prvtlbrs or
Products Identified
Excepted by ANPR
Firms Notified
Comments Processed 6/30/97

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TASK NUMBER 960424CCC5139

ATTACHMENT I

*
* GENERIC TELEPHONE INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE
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* This generic telephone interview questionnaire is to be
* used during the telephone follow-up investigation of
* incidents involving products or hazards for which there
* is no specific telephone questionnaire. Please record each
* attempt to establish contact with the victim or parent on
* the chart below.
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* RECORD OF CALLS
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* Key for result:
* NWN = Non-working number C = Completed
* REF = Respondent refused interview CB = Call Back
* WN = Wrong Number LB = Line Busy
* NA = No Answer R = Recording
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When you have reached an appropriate respondent, you may want to introduce yourself and the investigation program in the following manner:

Hello. May I please speak with _____?

(If desired respondent is not available, ask when would be a good time to contact him/her and record the suggested call back time. If the respondent is available, continue with the interview).

My name is _____. I am working with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. I understand that you (your son, etc.) were injured while using a (e.g. riding lawn mower). We are trying to learn how and why these accidents occur so that we can help others avoid similar accidents. Would you help us by answering a few questions. This will only take about 10 minutes of your time.

Interviewer: Check type of respondent (ask for parent if victim was a child under 15):

Victim ☒

Parent _____

Other, specify relationship Fire Investigator

TASK NUMBER 960424CCC5139

1. Can you tell me what happened? A mother and her two year old child were alone in their home while the mother was showering the child obtained a fireplace lighter from its normal storage place in a kitchen cabinet. The child was playing with the lighter in the basement and started two small fires. The first fire ignited the nylon netting of a child's basketball hoop. The second fire ignited a throw rug that was draped over a piece of exercise equipment. Soon after the second fire started smoke detectors began to ring and the child's mother became aware of the fire. The mother called the fire department and was able to exit the home with her son without injury to either one of them. The fire department arrived and extinguished the fire in minutes. Damages were confined to the basement of the home. The fire investigators examined the lighter and determined that all safety features were intact and the lighter was working as designed. The lighter was found with an on-off switch in the on position. The mother of the child states, however, that the lighter was always stored in the off position and the child must have been able to operate the lighter.

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* If any of the following questions were answered during the *
* victim's description of the incident, you may skip the *
* question (and insert the information at a latter time), if *
* the answer is perfectly clear. Better approach might be *
* to ask the question again with a preface such as: "When *
* you described the incident to me earlier, you said *
* (and repeat the answer).....is that correct? *

2. When the incident occurred, was anyone injured? No If yes, answer the following questions? (If no injury, enter N/A; if more than two individuals were injured, use an additional sheet.)

	<u>Injured Person # 1</u>	<u>Injured Person # 2</u>
Who was injured? (Relationship to respondent, ID)...	<u>N/A</u>	
Age/Sex.....	<u>N/A /</u>	<u>/</u>
Type of Injury (e.g. laceration, burn) ..	<u>N/A</u>	
Body part injured..	<u>N/A</u>	
Type treatment (e.g. hospitalized 5 days)	<u>N/A</u>	
Any permanent effects (e.g. nerve damage).	<u>N/A</u>	

4. Now, if I could, I would like to obtain some information on the incident. What was the date and time of injury?

Date 3-5-96 Time of day 11:45 am/pm

5. Where did the accident occur? (e.g. backyard, school, kitchen)

Basement home
city Mundelein State IL

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6. What was (the injured party) doing prior to the incident (e.g. mowing the grass in the backyard with a ride-on mower)?

There were no injuries but the child apparently
retrieved the lighter from a kitchen cabinet.

7. What exactly was (the injured party) doing or trying to do at the time of the incident (e.g. trying to turn uphill while on a steep grade)?

There were no injuries but the child
was apparently playing with the lighter.

8. Had (the injured party) performed this action or activity before. NO If yes, include the number of times, knowledge of operation, experience, etc.)

If performed before, what was different this time? _____

N/A

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9. What did (the injured party, witnesses, etc.) do immediately after the incident (including the pursuit of medical treatment)?

The mother became aware of the fire when
Smoke detectors began to ring. she called the
Fire department and exited with her son. there
were no injuries

10. Did (the injured party) have any health problems that may have been a factor in the incident (e.g. poor eye sight) NO
If yes, describe

11. What was the environment like at the time and place of the incident (probe for weather conditions, type terrain, storage of materials in area, etc.)

The incident occurred indoors
and no unusual environmental factors were noted.

12. Did you or your family incur any economic loss (e.g. damage to a building, etc.)? YES If yes, describe including estimated cost

Fire, water and smoke damages are
estimated at \$10,000 by the Fire department.
The family, however, reports losses near 60,000.

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13. Could I ask just a couple of more questions about the product?

What is the approximate age 6 months to 1 year

Brand name, if known Aim 'n' Flame

Manufacturer Scripto

Model (number) Unknown

Size/capacity Unknown

Color/shape Red and black with a slide switch like a flask

Other The slide switch must be switched on before the trigger switch can be depressed.

14. Was the product damaged before or during the incident? No
If yes, please describe.

15. Were any safety devices present, damaged or missing?

All safety devices were present and operated as designed. The child, however, was able to get the lighter to work.

16. Is the product still available? YES If not, give the status of the product.

The family has possession of the lighter and is willing to allow CPSC to view the lighter if necessary.

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17. Is there anything else you think I should know in order to understand the incident?

The victim has tested her children with the lighter, she found that both her four year old and a two year old could operate the lighter with very little difficulty. The victim also complains because the lighter's design is very similar to a toy. The victim says that the lighter's handle is plastic and bright red and could easily be mistaken as a toy.

Prepare to close the interview by thanking the respondent for assisting us in collecting information on a potential product safety problem. At this point, you should inform the respondent that we routinely share incident information with the manufacturers to inform them that their product was involved in an incident. Some manufacturers ask for the victim's name and address so that they can obtain additional information on their product. May we release your name with this incident or do you wish that your identity remain confidential.

☒ You are authorized to disclose my name and address.

☐ My identity is to remain confidential.

You should end the investigation by asking this question, "If we need additional information on this incident, can we call you back?"

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, what is the best time of day to contact you?

Day of week not specified Time of day Not Specified AM/PM

Note: Any additional comments can be submitted on another page.



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FAX

960424000 5139

Fax to number:

703-821-8272

Attention:

Brandon D. Cosby

Date:

5-7-96

From:

DIANNE @ CFPD

Number of pages:

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Additional comments:

Fire Report 960439

Investigation Report

COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT600 NORTH DEERPATH DRIVE
VERNON HILLS, IL 60061-1804
Phone 847-367-5511

05-07-1996 08:43AM FROM Countryside Fire St.2

TO

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COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NFIRS Incident Report

FDID LA142	Incident/Exp 960439-00	Date 03/05/96	Day Of Week [3] Tuesday	Alarm 1145	Arrived 1149	In Service 1439
Type of Situation Found [11] Structure Fire			Type of Action Taken [1] Extinguishment		Mutual Aid [1] Received	
Fixed Property Use [411] 1-Family Dwelling-Year			Ignition Factor [36] Children with, child playing			
Correct Address 0257 ELMWOOD AV MND				Zip Code 60060	Census Tract 864104	
Occupant Name MARTIN, ROBERT S		Telephone 8475660567	Room/Apt.			
Owner Name MARTIN, ROBERT S		Owner Address 0257 ELMWOOD AV MND		Telephone 8475660567		
Method of Alarm From Public [1] Telephone Direct			District [28A] MAP GRID	Shift [2] RED	# Alarms 1	
# Fire Service Personnel Responded 12		# Engines Responded 5	# Aerial Apparatus Responded 1		# Other Vehicles Responded 5	
Injuries Fire Service 0 Other 0			Fatalities Fire Service 0 Other 0			
Complex [41] Dwelling Complex			Mobile Property Type [0] Undetermined/not reported			
Area of Origin [14] Lounge area			Equipment Involved In Ignition [98] No equipment involved			
Form of Heat Ignition [46] Lighter		Type of Material Ignited [72] Cotton-Rayon		Form of Material Ignited [14] Floor covering, sur		
Method of Extinguishment [5] Preconnect w/ tank water		Level Of Fire Origin [8] Below ground/water level			Estimated Loss 10000	
Number of Stories [2] Two stories			Construction Type [7] Protected wood frame			
Extent of Flame Damage [3] Room of origin			Extent of Smoke Damage [6] Structure of origin			
Detector Performance [1] Detectors present & operated			Sprinkler Performance [8] No equipment			
Type of Material Generating/Smoke [72] Cotton/Rayon			Avenue Of Smoke Travel [4] Stairwell			
Form of Material Generating/Smoke [14] Floor covering, surface						

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Date: March 12, 1996
To: Chief A. Lewis Landry
From: Investigator Ronald Neubauer
Re: Fire Investigation
0257 Elmwood
Oak Terrace Subdivision
Mundelein, IL 60060

We were called to do an investigation of a fire at the above address on March 5, 1996, at approximately 11:45 a.m. The investigation was done by Ron Neubauer, and Larry Grandt from the Countryside Fire Department, and Agent Mitch Kushner of the State Fire Marshals Office.

An investigation as to the cause and origin was done and the following was determined:

The fire was intentionally started in the lower level of a tri-level single family dwelling by Franky Martin, 2 year old son, of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin. The homeowner is Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin, of the same address, and only Mrs. Martin was home at the time of the fire.

Areas of Fire Origin:

The first Fire Origin Area was in the lower level family room that centered around a treadmill located to the right of the fireplace.

The second Fire Origin Area was to the left of the fireplace. Located in this area was a cardboard box, and a child's basketball hoop setup.

The fireplace was located on the north wall of the room, approximately in the center. The two areas of origin were about 12 feet apart, and there were no signs of the fire communicating from one point to the other. A lighter was found on the floor approximately 5 feet from the treadmill. The lighter required two actions to ignite; first a switch had to be slid to the "on" position, and then the trigger style lever had to be pulled. The lighter was found with switch in the "on" position.

The fires were small in nature and caused heat damage to the television close by, and a cable box. Directly above the area of origin, close to the treadmill, was a light fixture

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which had been melted due to the heat of the fire. Fire damage occurred to the corner and leg of a table and carpet in area of fires. The room of origin had heavy smoke damage and the remaining house had moderate smoke damage.

The fires were extinguished by the first fire companies responding. The first company reported heavy smoke conditions, but could not see a lot of fire in the lower level.

The interviews of the Child and Parents were conducted by FF Larry Grandt

Summary:

The fire appears to be incendiary without a civil disturbance. The fire started in two spots with a lighter. The fire was started by a 2 year old child playing with a lighter. It does not appear the fire was started because of anger or revenge. The possibility of the fire starting due to an act of God, weather, use of accelerants, or electrical, were eliminated. Photos of the fire were taken. The home was turned back to the homeowners. The insurance information was gathered and the investigation concluded.

If any future information becomes available it will be forwarded to you.

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

CONTRACT

C-14

Document Number G 640195

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Date of Incident 3-5-96

Category I.D. SECT 15 1994

Follow-Up Requested

Hazard Analysis

Type Follow-Up Requested

Telephone Call ☒

Section 15

On-Site

Headquarters Contact Kate Wallace, CCA

Assignment Message Conduct Section 15 IDI. If possible, identify make of lighter and whether or not the switch was left in the "off" position. Where was lighter kept? Obtain brief Accident scenario.

Person(s) to Contact

Jim Spiegel
Countryside Fire Deputy Chief.
ILLINOIS

Guideline

Requested By Kate Wallace, CCA

Task Number ~~9604240005~~ 139

Assigned to 3333

Date 4/24/96

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Arlington Heights
Daily Herald
Lake County Edition

2-year-old sets house fire in Diamond Lake

By ROBIN MOHR
Daily Herald Staff Writer

A 2-year-old boy who was playing with a fireplace lighter accidentally set two small fires in the basement of his home in Diamond Lake Tuesday morning.

No injuries were reported in the fires which began around 11:45 a.m. and took about five minutes to extinguish, Countryside Fire Deputy Chief Jim Spiegel said.

The boy's mother was able to escape the house with her son after smoke detectors sounded an alarm, Spiegel said.

Damage to the home was estimated at between \$5,000 and \$10,000. A burning carpet, plastic toys and rubber tread of an exercise machine sent tarlike smoke billowing through the house at 0257 Elmwood Ave. in an unincorporated area near Mundelein, Spiegel said.

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Child playing with lighter starts fire near Mundelein

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A 2-year-old child playing with a fireplace lighter started a fire in a home outside Mundelein Tuesday morning, Countryside Fire Department officials said.

Countryside quickly extinguished the fire at 0257 Elmwood Ave., but the trilevel home sustained significant smoke damage, according to officials.

No one was injured in the fire.

"We were very fortunate they had a smoke detector that was working," said Countryside Deputy Chief Jim Spiegel.

Heavy smoke from the fire, which was concentrated in a lower level room, caused damage that was estimated to be under \$5,000.

The Libertyville and Mundelein fire departments assisted Countryside at the scene.

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Document Number: G9650070A **Task Number :** **Issue :** 34
Date Received : 05/21/96 **Confirmed :** **Date Entered :** 06/10/96
City : MUNDELEIN **State :** IL **Zip :** 00000
Source : 0 **Type Of Contact :** 20
Prod : 1285 CHARCOAL LIGHTERS, NOT SPECIFIED
Prod : 0 NO SECOND PRODUCT INVOLVEMENT
Date Injured : 03/05/96 D **Work Related :** N
Age : 2 **Sex :** 0 UNKNOWN
Disposition : 0 0=NO INJURY **Haz Type :** 1 FIRES AND FLAMES
Brand : MANUFACTURER UNKN **Screened ? :**
Model : 0

Narrative :

A CHILD, AGE 2, STARTED A FIRE PLAYING WITH A FIREPLACE LIGHTER
OUTSIDE A HOME. NO INJURY. DAMAGE: \$5,000.

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Task number: 960424CCC5139	Date Accident: 03/05/96	D	Date Entered: 05/30/96
City : MUNDELEIN	State : IL	Type: 2=PHONE	Source: 20
Sex: UNKNOWN	Status: C		Disposition: 0=NO INJURY
Age: 0	Location: HOME		
Diagnosis: NOT STATED OR UNKNOWN	Body Part: 99		
Document Number: G9640195A	Category Id: SECT151996		
Product 1 : 1247	FUEL CHARCOAL LIGHTERS		
Product 2 : 0	NO SECOND PRODUCT INVOLVEMENT		
Manufacturer: SCRIPTO LIGHTER	Model : UNK		

Synopsis :

A MOTHER AND CHILD WERE THE VICTIMS OF A HOUSE FIRE AFTER THE TWO YEAR OLD CHILD STARTED TWO SMALL FIRES IN THE BASEMENT OF THEIR HOME WITH A FIREPLACE LIGHTER. AFTER THE CHILD STARTED THE FIRES THE MOTHER WAS ALERTED BY SMOKE DETECTORS AND WAS ABLE TO EXIT THE HOME WITH HER

entire

1. CASE NO. 960506CCC5155			2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 3333			3. OFFICE CODE 591			EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 96 04 24			5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO DAY 96 05 07						

6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A thirty six year old female victim received minor burns to five percent of her body after unsuccessfully trying to extinguish a fire on her bed that was set with a grill lighter by her three year old son. the victim exited the home with her child. The fire department arrived, extinguished the fire and, transported the victim to the hospital where she was treated and released the same day.

7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) Home, Bedroom		8. CITY Fairbanks	9. STATE AK
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10A. FIRST PRODUCT Grill lighter	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Aim-n-Flame
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10B. SECOND PRODUCT BEDDING, NS	11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS Unknown
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12. AGE OF VICTIM 036	13. SEX (Use numerical code) MALE - 1 FEMALE - 2 UNKNOWN - 3 2	14. DISPOSITION Treated and Released 1	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Thermal burns 51
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16. BODY PART lower Arms	17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) Fire officials	18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE 1 TELEPHONE 2 OTHER 3 2	19. TIME SPENT 35
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20. ATTACHMENTS Multiple	21. CASE SOURCE Other	22. REVIEWED BY 0422	YR MO DAY 96 06 10
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23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-NEISS CASES ONLY)		CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME <input type="checkbox"/>
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24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Other Side)	25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE
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CPSA 6 (b)(7) Cleared

No Mfrs/Prvtlbrs or
Products Identified

Exempted by

Firms Notified

Comments Processed

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(USE OTHER SIDE AND ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

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ATTACHMENT I

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*          GENERIC TELEPHONE INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE                       *
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* This generic telephone interview questionnaire is to be                 *
* used during the telephone follow-up investigation of                     *
* incidents involving products or hazards for which there                  *
* is no specific telephone questionnaire. Please record each              *
* attempt to establish contact with the victim or parent on                *
* the chart below.                                                         *
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*          RECORD OF CALLS                                                 *
*                                     *
*   Date   Day of Wk   Time   Result * Date   Day of Wk   Time   Result *
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*   _____ * _____ * _____ * _____ *
*               *             *           *             *
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* Key for result:
*   NWN = Non-working number                      C = Completed
*   REF = Respondent refused interview             CB = Call Back
*   WN  = Wrong Number                             LB = Line Busy
*   NA  = No Answer                                R  = Recording
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When you have reached an appropriate respondent, you may want to introduce yourself and the investigation program in the following manner:

Hello. May I please speak with _____?

(If desired respondent is not available, ask when would be a good time to contact him/her and record the suggested call back time. If the respondent is available, continue with the interview).

My name is _____. I am working with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. I understand that you (your son, etc.) were injured while using a _____ (e.g. riding lawn mower). We are trying to learn how and why these accidents occur so that we can help others avoid similar accidents. Would you help us by answering a few questions. This will only take about 10 minutes of your time.

Interviewer: Check type of respondent (ask for parent if victim was a child under 15):

Victim _____

Parent

Other, specify relationship Fire officials

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1. Can you tell me what happened?

Include: Please determine make of lighter & whether it was left in the "off" position. Where was lighter kept? Where was it when child found it? Had the child played with lighters before?

The mother of a three year old male child was napping as her son watched a video. The child went to the bathroom and obtained a grill lighter that was stored in the medicine cabinet. The grill lighter was just used the night before and the child saw where the lighter was stored. No one knows for sure if the lighter was in the "on" or "off" position when the child found it in the bathroom. The child returned to the bedroom and ignited the bedding material of the bed his mother was sleeping in. The child alerted his mother to the fire and the mother immediately removed her child from danger. The mother returned to the bedroom and unsuccessfully tried to extinguish the fire. The mother called the fire department and waited outside with her son until their arrival. The fire department arrived and contained the fire to the bedroom and adjoining bathroom where the fire began.

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* If any of the following questions were answered during the *
* victim's description of the incident, you may skip the *
* question (and insert the information at a latter time), if *
* the answer is perfectly clear. Better approach might be *
* to ask the question again with a preface such as: "When *
* you described the incident to me earlier, you said *
* (and repeat the answer).....is that correct? *

2. When the incident occurred, was anyone injured? YES. If yes, answer the following questions? (If no injury, enter N/A; if more than two individuals were injured, use an additional sheet.)

	<u>Injured Person # 1</u>	<u>Injured Person # 2</u>
Who was injured? (Relationship to respondent, ID)...	<u>Mother of child who started fire</u>	
Age/Sex.....	<u>36 / F</u>	<u>/</u>
Type of Injury (e.g. laceration, burn)...	<u>Thermal Burns</u>	
Body part injured..	<u>Arms, back, legs</u>	
Type treatment (e.g. hospitalized 5 days)	<u>Treated and Released</u>	
Any permanent effects (e.g. nerve damage).	<u>None</u>	

4. Now, if I could, I would like to obtain some information on the incident. What was the date and time of injury?

Date 4-24-96 Time of day 3:25 am pm

5. Where did the accident occur? (e.g. backyard, school, kitchen)

The bedroom of a home
City Fairbanks state AK

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6. What was (the injured party) doing prior to the incident (e.g. mowing the grass in the backyard with a ride-on mower)?

The mother was sleeping in her bed and her
three year old child was watching a video

7. What exactly was (the injured party) doing or trying to do at the time of the incident (e.g. trying to turn uphill while on a steep grade)?

The child obtained a grill lighter from
the bathroom medicine cabinet and ignited the
bed his mother was sleeping in. The child
then notified his mother of the fire.

8. Had (the injured party) performed this action or activity before. No If yes, include the number of times, knowledge of operation, experience, etc.)

If performed before, what was different this time? _____

N/A

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9. What did (the injured party, witnesses, etc.) do immediately after the incident (including the pursuit of medical treatment)?

The mother removed her child from danger
and unsuccessfully tried to extinguish the fire.
The mother then called 911 and waited outside
until the fire department arrived.

10. Did (the injured party) have any health problems that may have been a factor in the incident (e.g. poor eye sight) NO
If yes, describe

11. What was the environment like at the time and place of the incident (probe for weather conditions, type terrain, storage of materials in area, etc.)

The incident occurred indoors
and no unusual environmental factors were noted.
Outside the temperature was 39° with 10 mph
winds

12. Did you or your family incur any economic loss (e.g. damage to a building, etc.)? YES If yes, describe including estimated cost

The Fire was contained to the bedroom and
connecting bathroom. A monetary estimate of
damages is not available

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13. Could I ask just a couple of more questions about the product?

What is the approximate age Unknown

Brand name, if known Aim-a-Flame

Manufacturer Unknown

Model (number) Unknown

Size/capacity Unknown

Color/shape Several inches long with a handle and long nose

Other _____

14. Was the product damaged before or during the incident? Yes
If yes, please describe.

The grill lighter was burnt
and melted almost beyond recognition in the fire.

15. Were any safety devices present, damaged or missing?

No safety devices were damaged or
missing before the incident.

16. Is the product still available? Yes If not, give the status of the product.

The Fire department has possession
of the grill lighter and is willing to allow the
CPSC to obtain the lighter if necessary.

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17. Is there anything else you think I should know in order to understand the incident?

Prepare to close the interview by thanking the respondent for assisting us in collecting information on a potential product safety problem. At this point, you should inform the respondent that we routinely share incident information with the manufacturers to inform them that their product was involved in an incident. Some manufacturers ask for the victim's name and address so that they can obtain additional information on their product. May we release your name with this incident or do you wish that your identity remain confidential.

☒ You are authorized to disclose my name and address.
☐ My identity is to remain confidential.

You should end the investigation by asking this question, "If we need additional information on this incident, can we call you back?"

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, what is the best time of day to contact you?

Day of week Any time Time of day Any time AM/PM

Note: Any additional comments can be submitted on another page.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
City of Fairbanks
858 7th Avenue
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
(907) 459-6500



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TELECOPIER COVER LETTER

DATE: 5-21-96
SUBJECT: House Fire
TO: Brandon Cosby
FIRM: Equi for
TELECOPY NUMBER: _____
FROM: David Rockney

We are transmitting 9 page(s) (including cover letter)

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE ALL THE PAGE(S), PLEASE CALL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
THANK YOU.

TELEPHONE: (907) 459-6500

TELECOPIER OPERATOR: _____

MESSAGE

INCIDENT REPORT

ANFIRS 1

FILL IN THIS REPORT
IN YOUR OWN WORDS

FBKS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1 ☐ DELETE
2 ☐ CHANGE

FILED	INCIDENT NO.	EXP NO.	MO	DAY	YEAR	DAY OF WEEK	ALARM TIME	ARRIVAL TIME	TIME IN SERVICE
31100	4526	4	24	96	Weds	4:525	1:530	11:697	
TYPE OF SITUATION FOUND						TYPE OF ACTION TAKEN		MUTUAL AID	
Structure Fire						Exting		1 <input type="checkbox"/> REC'D 2 <input type="checkbox"/> GIVEN	
FIRE PROPERTY USE						IGNITION FACTOR			
Duplex						Incendian			
CORRECT ADDRESS						ZIP CODE		CENSUS TRACT	
816 29th Ave						89201		03	
OCCUPANT NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI)						TELEPHONE		ROOM OR APT.	
McKaskill Lavelle						451-0816		2-1	
OWNER NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI)						ADDRESS		TELEPHONE	
Own. Property									
METHOD OF ALARM FROM PUBLIC						DISTRICT		SHIFT	
Fire						1		A	
NUMBER FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL RESPONDED						NUMBER ENGINES RESPONDED		NUMBER AERIAL APPARATUS RESPONDED	
118						02		0	
								NUMBER OTHER VEHICLES RESPONDED	
								05	

NUMBER OF INJURIES		NUMBER OF FATALITIES	
FIRE SERVICE	0	OTHER	0
FIRE SERVICE	0	OTHER	0

COMPLEX		MOBILE PROPERTY TYPE	
Duplex		N/A	
AREA OF FIRE ORIGIN		EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION	
Bedroom		No Equip	
FORM OF HEAT OF IGNITION		FORM OF MATERIAL IGNITED	
Light		Bedding	
METHOD OF EXTINGUISHMENT		LEVEL OF FIRE ORIGIN	
Reconnected		6'	
		ESTIMATED LOSS (DOLLARS ONLY)	
		18950	

NUMBER OF STORIES		CONSTRUCTION TYPE	
Two		Unprotected Wood Frame	
EXTENT OF FLAME DAMAGE		EXTENT OF SMOKE DAMAGE	
Room of Origin		Carried to Structure	
DETECTOR PERFORMANCE		SPRINKLER PERFORMANCE	
		No SPKR	
IF SMOKE SPREAD BEYOND ROOM OF ORIGIN		AVENUE OF SMOKE TRAVEL	
Fabric		No Classified	
FORM OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE			
Bedding		13.2	

IF MOBILE PROPERTY	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL NO.	LICENSE NO.
IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL NO.	

CHECK IF COMMENTS ON REVERSE SIDE

OFFICER IN CHARGE (NAME, POSITION, ASSIGNMENT)		DATE
R. Lucien T.S.C. Cund		4-24-96
MEMBER LEAVING REPORT (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)		DATE

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STATE OF ALASKA
CIVILIAN CASUALTY REPORTFILL IN THIS REPORT
IN YOUR OWN WORDS

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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FDID 311699		INCIDENT NO. 456		EXP. NO. 164	MO. 2	DAY 4	YEAR 1996	DAY OF WEEK Weds	ALARM TIME 4:15:25				
CASUALTY NAME (Last, First, Middle, Suffix) McKaskill Lavelle										SSN 574590818	DOB 45181959	AGE 36	TIME OF INJURY 1.5.2.0
HOME ADDRESS 816 29th Ave										STATE AK	ZIP 99701	TELEPHONE 451-0816	LIC NUM/ST ---
SEX 1 <input type="checkbox"/> MALE 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FEMALE		CASUALTY TYPE 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FIRE CASUALTY 2 <input type="checkbox"/> ACTION CASUALTY 3 <input type="checkbox"/> EMS CASUALTY		SEVERITY 1 <input type="checkbox"/> INJURY 2 <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH		AFFILIATION 2 <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER EMERGENCY PERSONNEL 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CIVILIAN		RACE W-WHITE B-BLACK A-ASIAN or PACIFIC ISLANDER U-UNKNOWN I-AM. IND or AK NATIVE					
FAMILIARITY WITH STRUCTURE undetermined				LOCATION AT IGNITION In Bed (intimate)				CONDITION BEFORE INJURY Asleep					
CONDITION PREVENTING ESCAPE Asleep				ACTIVITY AT TIME OF INJURY Asleep in Fire Catel				CAUSE OF INJURY Exposed to Flame					
NATURE OF INJURY Burns				PART OF BODY INJURED Multiple Parts				DISPOSITION Taken to Fire					
<input type="checkbox"/> SEE REMARKS ON BACK										<input type="checkbox"/> SEE ADDITIONAL REPORT			

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FAIRBANKS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Individual Run Report

Date 4/24/96 Weather: _____ Wind: E@10 Temp: 39 Run Report No. F9 60456

Location of Incident:

816 29th Ave. - up

Time Alarm Received

1525

Person Reporting Incident:

Cavelle

Phone No.

451-0816

	Time Out	Time On Location	Time In
B.C. (V-17)	1526	1530	1647
ENGINE 1	1526	1530	1603
ENGINE 3	1526	1534	1604
ENGINE			
TRUCK			
RESCUE VEHICLE			
AMBULANCE 1	1527	1531	1648
MUTUAL AID			
F1	1527	1535	

Alarm Received Via:

911 Phone ☒

Police Dept. _____

Bus. Phone _____

Hot Line _____

Auto. Alarm _____

Other _____

CLASSIFICATION OF ALARM

(Calls Other Than Fires)

☒ In Buildings
☐ Brush or Grass
☐ Rubbish
☐ Controlled Burning
☐ Vehicles in Street
☐ Misc. Fires Outdoors

☐ Rescue or Emergency
☐ Steam & Smoke Scare
☐ Accidental Alarm/Malfunction
☐ False Alarms
☐ Hazardous Condition

Investigator Notified 10.8 10.7

<u>B. Rodney</u>	<u>1545</u>	<u>1556</u>	<u>1600</u>
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PERSONNEL RESPONDING

ADDITIONAL
UNITS
RESPONDING

Engine 1

Engine 3

Engine

Rescue

Truck

Ambulance 1

ADDITIONAL
UNITS
RESPONDING

On Duty

Mayer
Anderson
Kulp

Whelan
Kaplan
Gho

Conner
Riggs

Cord
Lucas

Off Duty

P-36
Foster

Invest.
Rockney

F-1
Cunning

Fire Hydrant #

B-82

Vehicle License #

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Submitted By

R. Lue

Title

B. C.

Fairbanks D.P.S. — Fire Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL MOHRMANN
FROM: B.C. ROCKNEY *[Signature]*
SUBJECT: FIRE INVESTIGATION FIRE #960456
DATE: 4-25-1996

At 1545 on April 24, 1996 D.C. Cummings requested that I investigate a fire that was in progress at 816 29th Ave. I completed the investigation and am submitting this report for the departments record.

Description:

The building in question is a duplex located at 816 29th Ave. It is a rectangular building with a daylight basement. There is an apartment upstairs and one downstairs. The building is approximately 30' by 60'. The fire was reported by the occupant, Lavelle McKaskill, who called it in at 1525 hours. At the time of the fire the temperature was 39 degrees above 0 with a wind out of the east at 10 mph. The fire occurred in and was contained to the upstairs bedroom.

Observations:

I arrived on the scene at 1602 in the investigation van. The fire was out and all the fire crews had left the scene except BC Lucason and DC Cummings. The first thing I did was talk to BC Lucason about his observations. He said that when he arrived there was light smoke coming from the west end of the house thru a broken window but no flames visible. The window in question turned out to be one of the bedroom windows where the fire was located. He had his crew mount an interior attack and extinguish the fire. The initial crew reported that there was very little fire present, it was just smoldering. The occupant and a child were in a car next to the building when the fire crew arrived. The occupant, Lavelle McKaskill was burned and was transported to FMH by our ambulance crew. A passerby, Weedon Graham had gone into the building before the fire crews arrived to make sure the doors were closed.

DC Cummings came over to me and said that a small child was in

the building at the time of the fire and had made a statement to him about some matches. Warren tried to get the child to be more specific but people started to show up around the child and he wouldn't say any more. I talked to the child but he wouldn't say anything about the fire to me. The child had some small areas of scorched hair on top right side of his head. I took a picture of his head.

After talking to BC Lucason and DC Cummings I started my investigation of the building. The first thing I did was take pictures of the fire scene. After I finished taking pictures, F.F Foster arrived at the scene to assist me in my investigation. I directed him to make rough sketches of the building and the room of origin.

Next I visually examined the building for fire damage. My observations are as follows:

The entire east end of the building including two bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom and living room had only light smoke damage evident by a light darkened film on the ceiling and walls. The bedroom at the west end of the building had the only fire damage. When entering the bedroom I observed a bed on the south wall that was heavily damaged by the fire, especially the west side of it. The room was heavily smoked and heat damaged. All the plastic items in the room had some distortion to them, indicating a fairly hot atmosphere. There was heavy charring to the dresser and a shelving unit next to the west side of the bed. The mattress was completely burned away on the west side for about a foot towards the center. The remaining mattress was heavily scorched. The bedspread was in two pieces. Part of it was on the bed, that part was mostly burned. Another part of it was lying on the floor next to the bed and was heavily burned. There was a robe and some clothes lying under the bedspread that had a few holes burned in them. The carpet next to the bed where the heaviest burn area occurred was melted to the backing. Located in this heavy burn area was a melted object that was later identified as a lighter. I removed the lighter and have it tagged for evidence. There was a classic V pattern radiating up and away from the bed and floor where the heaviest fire damage was. The attached bathroom had heavy smoke damage but no fire damage.

Interviews:

Lavelle McKaskill
574-54-0818
451-0816
816 29th Ave

I interviewed Lavelle McKaskill, the occupant, at FMH after I investigated the fire. She gave me the following account of the incident. She was asleep in her bed when she was awakened by her

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3 year old son Dominique. Dominique was standing on the east side of the bed next to the closet when he woke her up. He said "look mom" and pointed at the end of the bed. Lavelle said she saw smoke and fire at the foot of her bed on the bedspread. She threw the covers off her, grabbed her son and ran him into the living room. She then returned to the bedroom and tried to smother the fire with the bedspread. She burned herself and dropped the bedspread and went back into the living room, grabbed her son and the portable phone and got into her car. She called the fire department from her car. She said she had been napping for about 30 minutes and that her son had been watching a video.

Graham Weedon
353-1933

I interviewed Graham Weedon who was a bystander at the fire. He said he had been driving down the Mitchell expressway when he saw smoke coming from the end of the house. He got off the expressway and went to the fire. When he got there the child was in the car and Lavelle was outside the building, visible upset but not obviously injured. Lavelle told him the fire was on the bed. He went inside the building to make sure the bedroom door was closed. It was. He came outside and went around to the bedroom windows to make sure they were closed. They were. By then the fire trucks arrived.

Kelvin Wright
225-21-8010
451-0816
816 29th Ave

I interviewed Kelvin Wright, Lavelle's fiance. He was not at the fire but I had found an object that and he was able to identify for me. The object was located next to the bed and had been badly distorted from the fire. Kelvin identified it as a lighter which they kept in the bathroom. He had used the lighter the night before to light the barbecue grill and had put it back in the bathroom. After the interview I returned to the fire and found that the lighter was not where he said it should be. The bathroom in question is attached to the bedroom the fire occurred in.

Attachments:

I have included a copy of the run reports written by BC Lucason, a drawing of the room of origin and the lighter. Pictures of the fire were taken and will be given to you when they are developed.

Conclusion:

The fire started at the west edge of the bed about midway along the mattress low on the bed, most likely next to the floor. This was evident by the total destruction of that part of the bed, the heavily damaged carpet in that area and the V pattern.

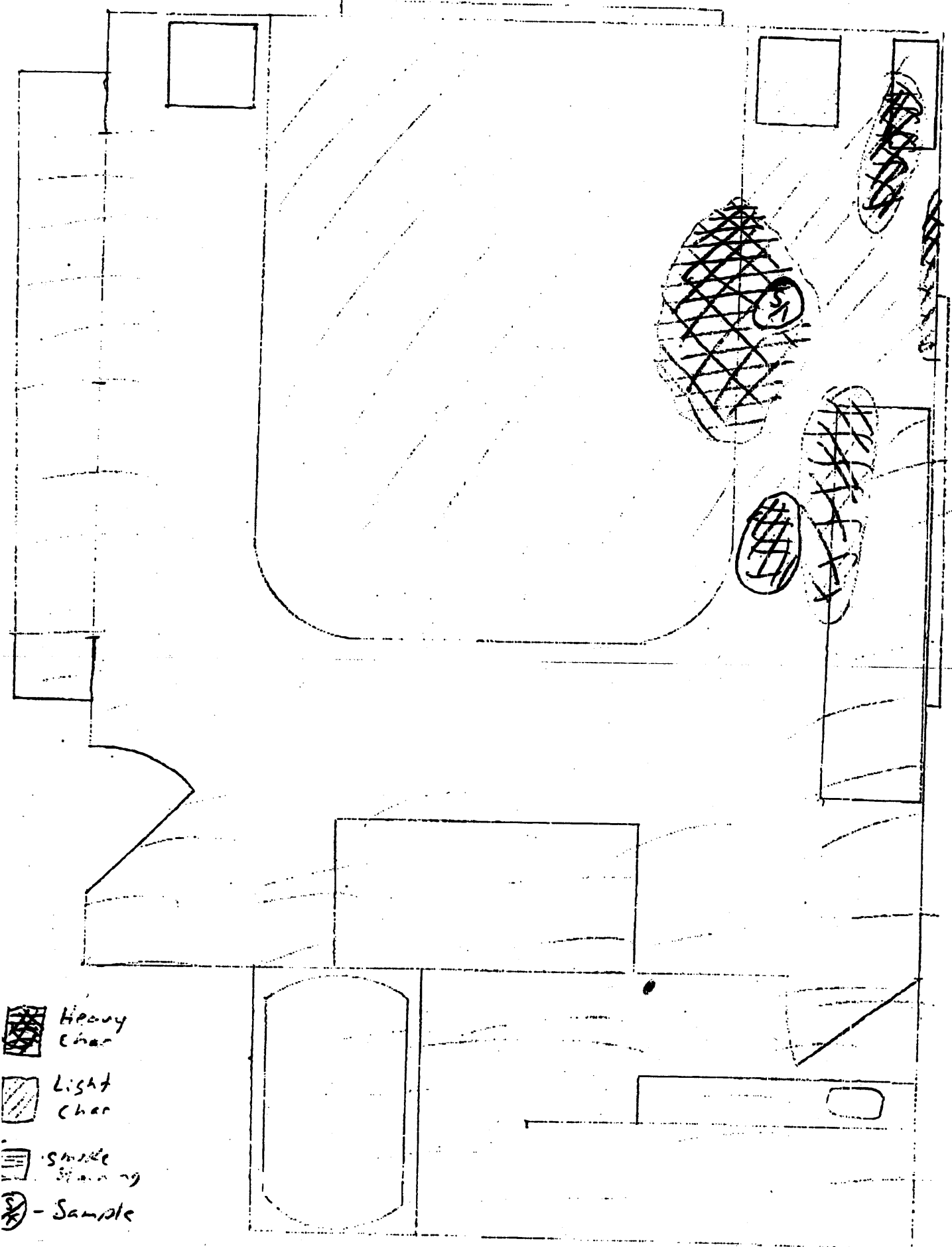
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There was no source of electricity near the origin of the fire or any other source of ignition other than the melted lighter. It is my opinion that Dominique started the fire by lighting the bedding with the lighter. He dropped the lighter where he started the fire and most likely burned his hair at that time. He then woke his mom up.

Incident MAY 21, '96 11:39AM FBKS POLICE DEPT. 907-452-1588
Date - 4-24-96 Investigator Rockney
Time - 1525 hrs

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Safety Talk From Mom Likely Saved Three-Year-Old From Fire

FAIRBANKS (AP) - Firefighters said a safety talk from a smart mother probably triggered a toddler to wake the woman after accidentally setting his bedroom blanket on fire Wednesday.

The child's mother, Lavelle McKaskill, was napping when her -year-old son began playing with a butane barbecue lighter and lit his bedroom blanket on fire.

Battalion Chief Dave Rockney said children commonly hide in closets and under beds, places they think are safe, unless they have been drilled by their parents on safety and exit routes.

McKaskill previously had talked to her son about what to do in case of a fire, Rockney said.

McKaskill received burns on 6 to 10 percent of her body when she used a blanket to try to smother the fire. She was hospitalized and listed in satisfactory condition Thursday.

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Window:

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Serial: Pg 12. Pg 13

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